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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: MICHAEL ST. JOHN, R.N., L.N.P. APPLICANT
License No.:

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") and Michael St. John, R.N., as evidenced by his signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Mr. St. John's application for licensure by endorsement to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

The Committee of the Joint Boards adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Michael St. John, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-255320 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on November 14, 2014. Said license is set to expire on April 30, 2017. He holds a license to practice as a nurse practitioner in the State of New Mexico. He is also licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Colorado.
2. Mr. St. John submitted an application for licensure to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia in June 2013.
3. On June 18, 2013, Mr. St. John entered into a Participation Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") in which he acknowledged that he may be unsafe to practice professional nursing due to chemical dependency. He entered into his first Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPMP on July 1, 2013.

4. On April 1, 2014, Mr. St. John entered into a stipulation and final agency order with the Colorado State Board of Nursing in which he acknowledged his substance use disorder and which ordered him to participate in that State's Peer Assistance Services.
5. Mr. St. John completed residential treatment at the Farley Center, Williamsburg, Virginia, in June 2013. He attends weekly outpatient therapy, three 12-Step meetings per week, and two Caduceus meetings per week. All urine drug screens have been negative since August 2013. The HPMP considers Mr. St. John to be in compliance with his current Recovery Monitoring Contract. The HPMP provides reports to the Colorado Peer Assistance Program regarding Mr. St. John's compliance.
6. Mr. St. John voluntarily surrendered his license to practice as a nurse practitioner in New Mexico by Amended Settlement Agreement entered by the New Mexico Board of Nursing on October 10, 2013, based on his substance abuse.
7. By Order entered December 22, 2014, the New Mexico Board of Nursing reinstated Mr. St. John's nurse practitioner license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-30-220(5) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners.
2. Finding of Fact No. 6 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code.
3. Mr. St. John otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-2957(D) of the Code.

CONSENT

Michael St. John, R.N., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. He has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;

2. He acknowledges that without his consent, no legal action can be taken against him except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. He acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Committee of the Joint Boards, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him;
4. He waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. He admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives his right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Committee of the Joint Boards;
6. He consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his application for licensure to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of Michael St. John for licensure to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia is APPROVED contingent on Mr. St. John's continued compliance with the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
2. Mr. St. John shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a nurse practitioner commensurate with the requirements of §§ 54.1-2900 and 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations of the Committee of the Joint Boards.
3. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Mr. St. John, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether his license should

be revoked. Mr. St. John shall be noticed to appear before the Committee of the Joint Boards at such time as the Committee is notified that:

a. He is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;

b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against him involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or

c. He has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of evidence of Mr. St. John's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Committee of the Joint Boards, at its discretion, may waive his appearance before the Committee and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying upon request.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS:

Gloria Mitchell-Lively
for Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: February 12, 2005

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

[Signature]
Michael St. John, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Chesapeake, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Taneshia A. Bain, a Notary Public, this 9 day of February, 2015.

My commission expires August 31, 2017.

Registration Number 7568991

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC



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By M. Robinson-Hawes
Virginia Board of Nursing